

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Statewide Independent Living Centers****Project Title:**

Statewide Independent Living Centers - Assistive Technology for Alaska's Centers for Independent Living

State Funding Requested: \$ 250,000**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This funding will pay for assistive technology equipment and software if needed, for individuals who have a disability.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$250,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Assistive technology and equipment can mean independence to an Alaskan with a disability. This funding will pay for assistive technology equipment and software if necessary for individuals with disabilities to enable them to be a productive citizen. This funding will help improve the quality of life for this growing population of Alaskans.

Centers for Independent Living (CIL) work with individual persons with disabilities and seniors on helping to identify their assistive technology needs. They help both in finding the appropriate assistive devices and with identifying who can and should pay for the device, including Medicaid, private insurance and in many instances the individuals themselves. Demonstration equipment allows consumers to try first before buying expensive purchases for items such as video magnification devices, voice recognition software, communication boards, power lifts, etc. Most of the CILs already have loan closets of both high and low tech devices and desire to expand the repertoire of devices they can offer to their consumers. Capital funding for this project will help replace heavily used items and purchase items that are of high demand.

Project Timeline:

2008

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Centers for Independent Living

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No